

# FYI

From: BCIU Training Program for International Business Executives, The American University, School of International Service, Washington 16, D. C., U. S. A.

To:

FYI—Next Session, the 9th, begins January 23, 1961. Enrollment is picking up.

More than 100 business executives have completed the BCIU Training Program to date. The roster of all the graduates, including wives, giving business affiliation and job function as well as address, will be published in August 1961. The register will facilitate keeping in touch and making it easier for the alumni to assist one another, particularly newcomers in a foreign area.

Meanwhile . . .

## ALUMNI NEWS

Many letters from alumni reach Ambassador Randall, Dr. Franklin, Mr. Schaler and others connected with the Program and brings us up to date on what you are doing, your experiences overseas. Reports on the applicability of the course content in foreign assignments are especially useful and appreciated. Your observations are valuable to the constant effort to make the BCIU Training Program as effective as possible.

*BCIU Executive Committee member Theodore S. Repplier, President of the Advertising Council, in conversation with John T. Connor, President of Merck and Company and member of the BCIU Policy Board, before an 8th Session dinner meeting during which Mr. Connor described some of his experiences and those of his firm in doing business overseas.*

### *Roman Numeral identifies Training Program Session*

Johnny Johnson (III) visited with Lloyd Mulit (III) in Pernis, Holland in October. Morrie Johnson (III) has just returned from a 32,000-mile trip through Europe, Africa and South America and will retrace his steps in latter part of January . . . Peru, Brazil, South Africa. He reports that sales are up in most of General Mill's foreign affiliates but increasing competition is causing selling costs to rise. Morrie met Phil Johnson (III) in Rio in October. Phil was on a short trip, is still based in Battle Creek, Mich., U.S.A.

Tom Gaines (III) has moved from Bogota, Columbia, S.A. to Houston, Texas, U.S.A. Bert B. Miller, Asst. to President of Ohio Oil Company, was not able to attend a regular Training Session, but came to the AU campus for two solid weeks of Spanish language study under Sr. Hugo Pineda at Bill Ballin's (VI) recommendation.

Ed Stewart (III) has been looking after Johnson & Johnson projects in Brazil, Philippines and Venezuela. Sid Feldmans (IV) on their return trip from India visited with the Capehart Harneys (IV) in Rome in October.

Clifford Drake (I), formerly in Cuba, is now General Manager of Texaco Caribbean, Inc. with base in Kingston, Jamaica. David Anderson (I) is now handling public relations matters relating to Central American and Caribbean economic growth from Coral Gables, Florida, rather than Havana, Cuba.

Art and Phoebe Corney (V) have been traveling in Canada on Republic Steel business.



George and Mabel Gilbert (V) just returned from three months in Australia, two weeks in Tokyo where they bumped into Dr. Edward Hall ("The Silent Language") in the lobby of the Tokyo Hotel. Judith Peterson (IV) reports from Bogota, Columbia, that Spanish language course tapes, books and material for reading prepared by Sr. Pineda, have just reached her for further language training.

Bill Howe (VI) ran into Jerry Wasylyk (VI) in Rio in November. Both are currently back in the U.S.A.

Rudy Swanson (I) checked up on the progress of the Program by visiting the 8th Session.

Jack Thuerman (VII) returned for two weeks of intensive language at the end of the 8th Session (Dec.)



SEVENTH SESSION, September 12 to October 7, 1960. Fourth Row L to R: Dr. Charles O. Lerche, Jr., Professor of International Relations; Dr. Abdul A. Said, Assistant Dean of the School of International Service; Robert R. Pfeifer (Cluett, Peabody & Co.), John W. Lendved (Chain Belt Co.), William A. Goodyear (California Texas Oil Co.), Clark Prather (Texaco Africa Ltd.), Peter M. Kroon (Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.), Ambassador Harold M. Randall, Director of the Training Program; Third Row: Deputy Director Otto Schaler, John H. Thuerman (Chain

Belt Co.), Paul E. Hamilton (John Deere Intercontinental, S. A.), Roy W. Brandel (Chain Belt Co.), Adolf J. Pingarron (Interchemical Corp.), John E. F. Caston (Texas Petroleum Co.); Second Row: Mrs. Donna Hamilton, Mrs. Theo Ann Brandel, Mrs. Marion Lendved, Mrs. Jacqueline Prather, Dr. Esther Cole Franklin, Director of the Wives' Program; Graham French (Attorney); First Row: Mrs. Maureen Pfeifer, Mrs. Sara Todderud (wife of R. E. Todderud, Eli Lilly International), Mrs. Mildred Pingarron, Mrs. Ena Caston, Mrs. Ruth Kroon, Mrs. Nellie Randall.





*Assistant Secretary of State for Africa Joseph C. Satterthwaite described the situation in Africa today during dinner meeting with the Seventh Session. Secretary Satterthwaite is*

*shown with (L to R): Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Kroon, Dr. W. Wendell Cleland, Co-ordinator of the Middle-East Area Course, and John H. Thuerman (Chain Belt Co.).*

#### **BCIU Latin American Radio Project**

On a seven-week tour of eight Latin American republics, BCIU's media consultant Thayer Waldo tape-recorded 53 interviews with 67 individuals, as raw material for the Spanish-language radio program series which the Council will prepare for broadcast through major medium-wave outlets in that area. A version in English is to be used by Voice of America, but the broadcasts in Spanish will emanate from private business.

Interviewees included business leaders, both North American and national; national employees of U. S.

business affiliates, educators, economists, government officials, labor leaders and representatives of student groups. The complete series will explore a broad set of themes dealing with all aspects of the role of the private enterprise system.

At the same time, firm commitments were made for such broadcasts at prime time in every country visited. Local identification, usually with bi-national business groups, was also set up. The programs in final form, to include extensive participation by management spokesmen in this country, will comprise 13 tapes of 15 minutes each.



*Head table at final dinner meeting of Seventh Session (L to R): Mrs. George V. Allen, Executive Editor J. R. Wiggins of the Washington Post & Times Herald, Ambassador*

*M. Randall, Training Program Director, Ambassador George V. Allen, Director of the United States Information Agency, and*

BCIU Policy Board member H. E. Humphreys, Jr., Chairman of United States Rubber Company, in the keynote speech of the 47th National Foreign Trade Convention—Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, November 14—cited BCIU activities, including the Training Program, as making important contributions toward expanded foreign trade. Ambassador Randall talked to the Milwaukee World Trade Club in November about "Preparation of Personnel for Relocation Overseas".

## THE TRAINING PROGRAM

A first . . . Mrs. Sara Todderud (VII) attended the Special Wives Program though husband R. E. Todderud of Eli Lilly International could not make the Training Program Session.

A syndicated article by Richard T. Stout, entitled "Ugly American Execs Go to School—4 Week Cram Courses Teach Businessmen the Ways of Foreign Lands" appeared in papers in the U.S.A. The ROYAL GAZETTE WEEKLY, Bermuda, picked

**BURROUGHS CLEARING HOUSE** in its November 1960 issue had this to say . . .

*Group and individual sessions maximize training effects of the abbreviated foreign training course*

### **BCIU Turns On Charm For U.S. Business**

The ugly American may soon vanish from the international scene, thanks to the fine work being done by the Business Council for International Understanding, New York City.

Rapid strides. In the less than 2½ years since its formation (July, 1958) BCIU, through its policy board headed by Charles M. White, chairman, Republic Steel Corporation, has set up an

excellent training program for international business executives and fostered similar education of American overseas personnel.

The United States Information Agency and the Department of State are among BCIU's strongest supporters, and encouraged leading executives of U.S. companies doing business overseas to form BCIU.

Heart of the program, which now includes publication of pamphlets, busi-

nessman participation on the Voice of America broadcasts, and the like, is the training sessions that have been introduced at the American University, Washington, D.C. The School of International Services is under the direction of Dean Ernest S. Griffith.

Intensive course. Director of the training program is Harold M. Randall, former U.S. foreign service career officer who was U.S. representative and chairman of the American Economic

and Social Council of the Organization of American States with rank of ambassador. He is currently on a goodwill tour of the country, encouraging businessmen to use the BCIU services.

The training program gives overseas-bound executives a better knowledge of the customs, values, history and languages of selected foreign areas, and improves their skills in interpreting our customs and values to people abroad.

During the typical four-week course the participants hear lectures and engage in free-wheeling discussions of U.S. institutions and viewpoints, Amer-

ican society, the arts in America, and American and foreign cultures. The development and functioning of our economic system, American foreign policy, folk lore and urban culture, labor in American foreign relations, and patterns of cultural change at home and abroad are among the many other subjects covered in the sessions. Wives of the executives are invited to the meetings during the fourth week.

Guest experts. Government service officers are frequent visitors to the sessions, generally giving private and group discussions in their special fields.

Internationally-experienced business leaders, loaned by their corporations, are helping to provide a sharper look at foreign business conditions.

Participants in the program have included top executives from domestic and overseas branches of major corporations. Plans are now underway to have some of these companies bring back their most promising overseas-based executives for future sessions. But there may be a long wait, for each of the eight annual groups is limited to 25 members on a first-come first-served basis.

Meantime, BCIU is turning its attention to another facet of its expanding program. In cooperation with the Department of State, it has set up a formal visit program for foreign service and USIA officers. In between assignments, the officers visit corporations operating in their overseas territories and fill them in on conditions. The program has

enabled business and government to obtain a maximum exchange of knowledge.

Expanding front. BCIU has also inspired the formation of councils in other nations. Mexico's Asociacion Pro Entendimiento Internacional was formed by Mexican and North American businessmen to aid Mexican-American relations. Another counterpart has been

formed in Colombia, and work has begun on similar councils for the Philippines, Iran, Pakistan and Vietnam.

These groups are providing a concentrated effort on the part of U.S. business abroad, whereby American firms can work with local business and agencies to enhance U.S. prestige.

**Burroughs Clearing House**





*Frank X. White, Vice President-International, American Machine and Foundry Company, with 8th Session for dinner meeting during which he cited cases of international business*

*Seventh Session participants Adolf J. Pingarron (Interchemical) and John E. F. Caston (Texas Petroleum) in conversation with J. K. Evans, Washington manager of Asiatic*

*expansion. Next to Ambassador Randall is Mr. Robert E. Simpson, Director, Office of Economic Affairs, U. S. Department of Commerce.*

*Petroleum, and Dr. Carlos Perez de la Cova, Charge d'Affaires and Petroleum Counselor, Embassy of Venezuela, during one of the evening programs.*



it up from the London Express Service. Ampex International Vice President Biff Gale clipped it in Hong Kong from THE CHINA MAIL. COMMERCE, India's financial weekly, published in Bombay, describes Training Program and other BCIU-sponsored activities under title "People-to-Business" in its 1960 Annual and Golden Jubilee Issue. A joint State Department-U. S. Information Agency-International Cooperation Agency directive "to all American diplomatic and consular posts" states that "members of the BCIU should be given all appropriate assistance during their travels abroad on BCIU business". The message describes the programs which BCIU carries on to "improve the image of United States business and the free enterprise system overseas".

*EIGHTH SESSION, NOVEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 2, 1960. Standing (L to R): Gerald D. Bartrem (Minute Maid International), John M. O'Gara (Caltex), Herbert J. Baldwin (Texaco), Robert J. Woodward (Shell), R. G. Brown (Texas Petroleum), Ambassador Randall, Director of the Training Program, John Kozma (Republic Steel), Alexander M. Selian (American Machine & Foundry), J. David Knapp (California Chemical International), Harry B. Paul (Atlas-Goldschmidt, G. m.b. H.), Stanley W. Beetham (U. S. Rubber International), R. Loren Biggs (First National City Bank of N.Y.), Dale Kleist (Owens-Corning Fiberglas International), Otto Schaler, Deputy Director of the BCIU Training Program. Seated: Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Woodward, Dr. Esther Cole Franklin, Director of the Wives' Program, Mrs. Kozma, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kleist.*

# AVAILABLE:

"Rights of Businessmen Abroad under Trade Agreements and Commercial Treaties" in ready-reference form lists, by countries, the provisions of international agreements which relate to trade and investment. 1960. At \$2.50 each direct from the United States Council of The International Chamber of Commerce, Inc., 103 Park Avenue 17, N. Y.

"Glossary: International Economic Organizations and Terms" identifies international organizations and terms and symbols that are frequently used to designate important international organizations. September 1960. At 30¢ each direct from the United States Council of The International Chamber of Commerce, Inc., 103 Park Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

Copies of a talk by Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States William Sanders before the 8th Session on "Crisis in the OAS" are available from the BCIU Training Program without charge.

Copies of a talk by Sr. Rogelio Frigerio, prominent Argentine businessman, to the 7th Session in which he outlined his views of current status of Argentina's economic evolution, are available from the BCIU Training Program without charge.

U. S. Under Secretary of State Douglas Dillon at Williams College spoke on "The Challenge of Overseas Service" and said: "Although it (BCIU) has been in operation for less than a year, this program holds out great promise—for the private sector of our economy is the very antithesis of the state enterprise that is central communist doctrine." (Free copies of full text available from BCIU Training Program).



13½ minute, 16mm film, which is available for loan without charge to industry and business groups by Public Information, Office of International Trade Fairs, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C. Film shows trade fairs as instrument in promoting sale of U. S. products in foreign markets.

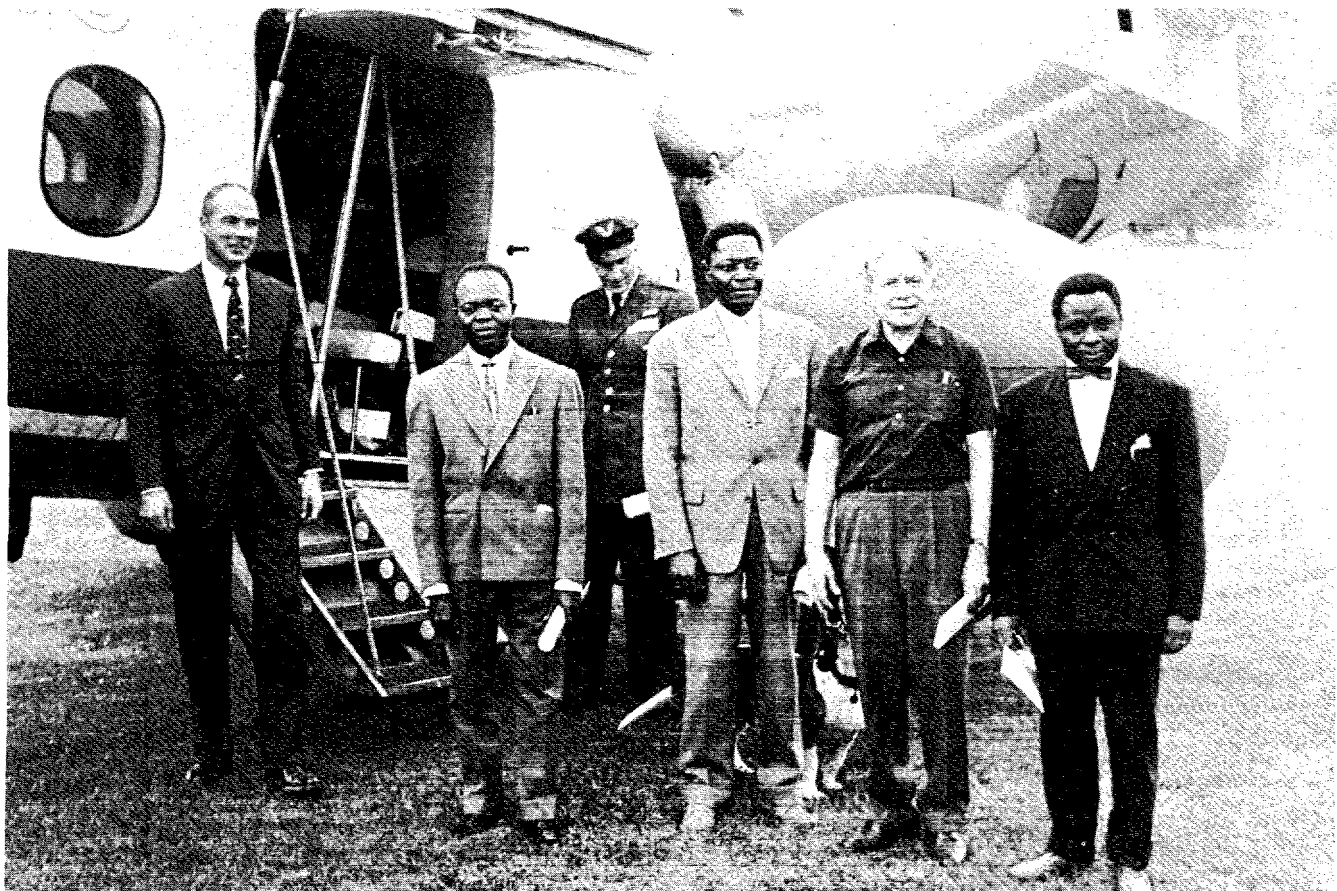
A practical introductory guide to "Doing Import and Export Business" by the Foreign Commerce Department, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Washington 6, D. C. 137 pp. \$2.00.

"Foreign Commerce Handbook"—a new 1960-61 comprehensive reference book as to procedures, practices, techniques, and policy pertaining to all important phases of international trade and investment. Foreign Commerce Department, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Washington 6, D. C. 142 pp. \$2.00.

#### LECTURERS

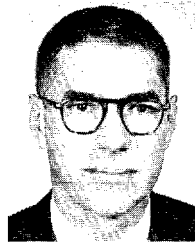
The Albert Motts are now with the University of Maryland—Armed Forces Education Program in Bordeaux after their tour in Germany where they witnessed the Oktoberfest in Munich and did a lot of touring in their fire-engine red Volvo.

*Something different but quite effective in hospitality was the helicopter ride to his Greenwich, Conn., home for three Cameroun UN delegates arranged by BCIU Policy Board member Sam Pryor, Vice President of Pan American World Airways. En route, the group circled the Statue of Liberty, then toured Mr. Pryor's famed international doll collection. From left: Mr. Richard Wheatland of New York Airways, M. Celestin Pigui, M. Benoit Bindzi, Mr. Pryor and M. Deb a Don.*



Edward T. Hall, who lectures on "The Silent Language" in the Cultural Analysis series, has just returned from Japan where he spent three weeks working with U. S. and Japanese firms toward establishing joint enterprises. He is presently in Europe—England, Holland, France—on a similar mission.

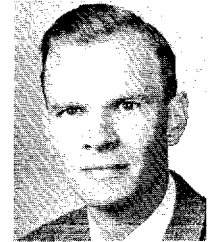
Edgar A. J. Johnson, who lectures on Business and American Society and the American Economy Today in the American Civilization series, was elected President of the Economic History Association (Publisher of the *Journal of Economic History*) for the next two years.



Dr. Hall



Dr. Johnson



Dr. Heimsath

Charles Heimsath has returned to Washington from his survey trip to India, under a Rockefeller Foundation grant, centered in Madras, Bombay and Delhi. He is preparing his notes on Indian social reform movements during the 19th and 20th centuries for inclusion in a book on which he is working.

## BCIU BRIEFS

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BCIU Policy Board has added Neil H. McElroy, Chairman, Proctor & Gamble Company; Stephen D. Bechtel, President, Bechtel Corporation; John S. Bugas, Vice President, International Group, Ford Motor Company; A. W. Steudel, President, The Sherwin-Williams Company.

BCIU Executive Committee news is that Antonie T. Knoppers, President of Merek Sharp & Dohme International has been named Vice Chairman; Kerry King, Vice President & Assistant to Chairman of Texaco Inc. takes place of Marion J. Epley, Jr., now Sr. Vice President of Texaco at latter's request; James P. Delafield, President International Division, General Foods Corporation replaces George Bryson, Vice President General Foods Corporation; Committee member George R. Vila is new President of U. S. Rubber Company, Charles E. Allen is now Vice President International of Hill and Knowlton, Inc. New Executive Committee members are John Gallagher, Vice-President—Latin America, Sears, Roebuck & Company; James Farrell, Jr., President, Farrell Lines.

BCIU's affiliate in Mexico, APEI,\* has eight junior companies successfully in operation under adult business sponsorship, expects over 20 by February. David Anderson, (I) now in Coral Gables with Esso, has asked for full background on *Junior Achievement* there. Dave's interest is in stimulating organization of the movement in Caribbean Countries.

Dr. Antonie Knoppers, Vice Chairman of BCIU Executive Committee, will be travelling in India late in January, plans to consult Indian and American business leaders there with a view to some suitable form of bi-national business association for better understanding similar to APEI in Mexico. Talks in the U. S. already indicate that there should be a ripe field in India for such an approach.

Metropolitan Broadcasting Co. is working closely with BCIU in connection with its expanding overseas service through its World Wide Broadcasting Division. It is carrying our story in various ways on its radio feature "American Business Bulletin" beamed to Latin America, Europe and Africa and will assist with Latin American outlets for BCIU's own radio series, described in this issue. U. S. stations affiliated with MBC are also telling about the BCIU Training Program.

\* Asociación Pro Entendamiento Internacional.

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association's International Steering Committee adopted the following formal recommendation at its annual meeting at White Sulphur Springs in September:

The P.M.A. should support the BCIU and encourage the sponsorship of courses at American University in Washington, D. C., for preparing American families to go abroad; the P.M.A. should cooperate with other industries and groups to improve facilities for this purpose. Data on such courses should be assembled by P.M.A. and made available to member firms, and the members should be advised that BCIU appears to be the best organization for this purpose.

*UN Delegate Hospitality.* In the current, most eventful General Assembly of the UN, its membership expanded to welcome a score of new member states. Many of their delegates are strangers to the United States. To make their stay more agreeable, and to make closer friends of these new members and their

countries, BCIU is by now encouraging companies to offer informal hospitality through executives and their wives.

BCIU Chairman Charles M. White gave a dinner reception in New York for delegates from Liberia. General Foods was instrumental in attendance by delegates from eight African and two Latin American nations at a dinner of the National Urban League. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hill (Hill & Knowlton) gave a very informal dinner party for a dozen delegates from African and Asian countries, with a variety of American guests, several of whom later invited some of the foreign guests to their homes as well. BCIU Executive Committee Chairman Bromwell Ault is arranging a similar affair, as are executives of *American Express, RCA, Texaco, Westinghouse, etc.* American and foreign guests agree that these informal gatherings are surprisingly successful in sowing seeds of real friendship and overcoming misconceptions that so often persist unless such relatively modest efforts are made.

Others wishing to offer home hospitality are invited to consult BCIU New York or Mrs. John W. Nason, who heads a private hospitality group at the UN and who has been exceptionally helpful to BCIU.

## RECOMMENDED READING

### GENERAL

Harland Cleveland, *THE OVERSEAS AMERICAN*, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 330 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. 1960. 316 pages. \$5.95.

Facts and practices for most productive performance of overseas business missions.

Henry C. Wallich, *THE COST OF FREEDOM*, Harper & Bros., 49 E. 33rd St., Clarence Randall: "A superb book that every businessman should read." 1960. 187 pages. \$3.75.

### AFRICA

George H. T. Kimble, *TROPICAL AFRICA*, Volume I—Land and Livelihood, Volume II—Society and Polity, The Twentieth Century Fund, 41 E. 70th St., New York 21, N. Y. Nov. 1960. 1110 Pages, tables, maps, photographs, index. Set \$15.00.

2 volume study presents compendium of solid information written virtually in newspaper style.

### MIDDLE EAST

Wilfred Cantwell Smith, *ISLAM IN MODERN HISTORY*, The New American Library of World Literature, Inc., 501 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y. 1959. 308 pages. 50¢.

Study of the conflict between demands of an ancient faith and the pressures of the modern world.

### RECOMMENDED SUBSCRIPTION

Free sample copy of the *International Development Review* will be sent you upon request to The Society for International Development, Room 707, 1725 K Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. Current issue contains articles on "Transplanting Administrative Techniques", "New Skills for New Societies", "Development of Natural Resources" and others.

(FYI) . . . Gerald Winfield, Lecturer in the Training Program's Cultural Analysis series on "Communication for the Attainment of Change", is Chairman of the Washington Chapter of the Society.

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